IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph which begins on line 1 of page 4 to read as follows:

--Fig. 1 is a flowchart 100 showing a method of annotating an image using metadata, in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention. The method of Fig. 1 is preferably practiced using a conventional general-purpose computer system 200, such as that shown in Fig. 2 wherein the processes of Fig. 1 may be implemented as software, such as an application program executing within the computer system 200. In particular, the steps of the method of annotating an image using metadata, are effected by instructions in the software that are carried out by the computer. The software may be divided into two separate parts; one part for carrying out the annotation method; and another part to manage the user interface between the method and the user. The software may be stored in a computer readable medium, including the storage devices described below, for example. The software is loaded into the computer from the computer readable storage medium, and then executed by the computer. A computer readable storage medium having such software or computer program recorded on it is a computer program product. The use of the computer program product in the computer preferably effects an advantageous apparatus for annotating an image using metadata in accordance with the embodiments of the invention.--

Please amend the paragraph which begins on line 11 of page 5 to read as follows:

--Typically, the application program of the preferred embodiment is resident on the hard disk drive 210 and read and controlled in its execution by the processor 205. Intermediate storage of the program and any data fetched from the network 220 may be accomplished using the semiconductor memory 206, possibly in concert with the hard disk drive 210. In some instances, the application program may be supplied to the user encoded on a CD-ROM or floppy disk and read via the corresponding drive 212 or 211, or alternatively may be read by the user from the network 220 via the modem device 216. Still further, the software can also be loaded into the computer system 200 from other computer readable storage medium including magnetic tape, a ROM or integrated circuit, and a magneto-optical disk. The software can also be loaded in the computer system 200 [[,]] via a radio or infra-red transmission channel between the computer module 201 and the computer-readable storage medium of another device, a computer readable card such as a PCMCIA card, and the Internet and Intranets including e-mail transmissions and information recorded on websites and the like. An e-mail transmission is an electronic message sent from one computer user to another over a digital network such as the Internet or Intranet. The message is generally sent using an e-mail application program and is generally in the form of a text file containing a textual message. However, an e-mail transmission can include other file types such as .jpg and .tif files, for example. The foregoing is merely exemplary of relevant computer readable storage mediums. Other computer readable storage mediums may be practiced without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention.--